



SOUL-SEARCHING—William A. Cowart, Dalton, Ga., one of three turncoats enroute home from Communist "hell" in Red China, appears in this soul-searching pose as he concentrates deeply during Lutheran Church services in Honolulu. He and two other turncoat GIs stopped over for 14 hours here on their way home to an uncertain fate.

Pentagon Confused; Future of Turncoats Said Still in Doubt

Washington—(U.P.)—Apparent confusion within the Pentagon today left still in doubt the future of three turncoat ex-GIs who defected to Red China and then decided to return home.

An army spokesman said last night the three would be arrested for courtmartial as soon as their ship docks in San Francisco Friday.

No Decision Reached

But a Defense Department spokesman said today the matter still is being investigated by the Defense and Justice Departments and that no decision has been reached on what action to take.

The spokesman said the Army source did not consult the Defense Department before his unofficial discussion with the press about the turncoat's future.

The ex-prisoners—William A. Cowart, 22, Dalton, Ga.; Lewis W. Griggs, 22, Jacksonville, Tex., and Otho G. Bell, 24, Olympia, Wash.—are on the last leg of their ocean voyage home from Red China.

To Tell Charges

The Army said officers would board their ship—the President Cleveland—with customs inspec-

tors and immigration officials before it docks. The spokesman said the trio would be summoned, informed they are under military arrest and told of the charges against them.

The spokesman said the charges would include aiding the enemy and misconduct as prisoners.

Colombia Newspaper Censorship Studied

Bogota, Colombia—(U.P.)—The National Press Commission took under consideration today the censorship order clamped on El Tiempo, Colombia's leading newspaper.

El Tiempo reported Monday that the government had directed it to submit to prior censorship every article appearing in its editorial page, and any news reports dealing with disturbances of the public order.

An executive decree issued in 1949 empowered the government to impose press censorship. Application of the decree has been suspended since 1953, however.

Lack of Cooperation Blamed for Failure Of 'Clamp Down' Here

District Attorney Walter Nunley told a group of Medford businessmen yesterday noon that the law is only as good as the community support it receives. He spoke at an informal Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon.

Nunley, when questioned about enforcement of the curfew and minor liquor possession laws, stated that not too long ago his office decided to attempt a clamped-down policy. Sheriff's officers and state police brought in groups of violators every night and built cases from their statements, Nunley said.

But when brought into district court, they received only a 20 minute lecture and perhaps a \$5 to \$20 fine. Their parents were called in, but were irate at the district attorney not their children. After a time the offenders formed a "Ben Cot" club, Nunley said, and it became a distinction to have "been caught" on a liquor violation.

Therefore, the campaign was dropped.

The district attorney also pointed out that officers are hesitant about making arrests when there is question as to a person's being a minor, because of the possibility that parents will sue for false arrest.

Nunley noted that prior to January, 1953, no concrete action had been taken in Jackson county to prosecute false check crimes. Since then, his office has adopted what the check passers term a "hard-nosed" policy and reduced by almost 50 per cent the number of bad check complaints filed.

Multiple Relief Comes for Cashier

Chicago — (U.P.) — A young woman walked into a currency exchange here and told the cashier:

"I'm your relief. You can take off."

She then "relieved" the exchange of \$9,100, police said.

Joe E. Lewis Rests In Las Vegas Hospital

Las Vegas, Nev.—(U.P.)—Ailing comedian Joe E. Lewis was resting comfortably today, hospital officials reported.

Lewis was rushed to the hospital in serious condition following his first show at the El Rancho Club Sunday night. Reuben Lockitch, Las Vegas surgeon attending the comedian said he was much improved and resting comfortably.

The surgeon and officials at the Rose De Lima Hospital refused to comment on the nature of the illness, which at first was believed to be an ulcer attack.

Lewis was operated on for ulcers in New York last January.

Hospital officials reported he did not undergo surgery.

Other entertainers appearing

in Las Vegas filled in for Lewis at the El Rancho and many visited him at the hospital

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